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1. Farmers and cultivators on the China side of the Burma-China border are much more kindly disposed toward their Chinese Communist governors than previously. This has resulted, in large measure, from assistance rendered by the Chinese soldiers in the working of the farms and in the general attitude of humility which they have displayed toward the people in the area.
2. Before the Chinese Communist occupation, the Sawbwas received one-fifth of the rice crop yield annually. This tribute is no longer exacted, and now all of the rice crop is sold directly to the Chinese Communist Government. If the crop fails in any year, the Chinese Communist Government will supply the farmers with free paddy and no taxes are charged for that year.
3. Opium smoking has been prohibited by the Chinese Communists, but cultivation of the opium poppy for sale is encouraged.
4. The Kachins in China were antagonistic toward the Chinese Communists in the initial stages of their occupation of Yunnan. The Chinese Communists have now won their friendship by helping clean their villages, ploughing their fields, carrying water and firewood, and teaching them to care for their domestic animals.
5. Under the Chinese Nationalist regime, there was no dispensary at Mengmao (N 24-02, E 97-52) or in other locations near the Burma border. The Chinese Communists have set up dispensaries in this vicinity and have also established maternity hospitals.

Comment. The Chinese Communists have been so successful in their propaganda campaign that it would now prove very difficult to get the people in these areas to turn against the Chinese Communist Government.

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